(c) The export of iron-ore, including haemetite during last five years from 2000-01 to 2004-05 are given below:

(Unit '000 tonnes)

Year	Export
2000-01	20,162
2001-02	23,086
2002-03	57,094
2003-04	51,498
2004-05(P)	83,165

(d) As per available information, the estimated demand of iron ore including haemetite ore, by the year 2019-2020 to support a steel production of 110 million tonnes, is 190 million tonnes.

(e) and (f) As per available information, there is no proposal to ban export of haemetite iron ore.

Review of mines and mineral exploration

1405. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are reviewing policy on mines and mineral exploration;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are favouring captive mining for export; and

(d) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b). A High Level Committee was set up in Planning Commission to review the National Mineral Policy and recommend possible amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation)(MMDR) Act, 1957 to give a fillip to private investment in mining sector.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of 'c' above, does not arise.